

I am a subscriber to XM radio and spend a great deal of time in my car as I am a Salesman, I strongly urge the FCC to deny the petition of the National Association of Broadcasters to deny satellite radio the right to broadcast local news and weather. This is nothing short of a denial of free speech, an interference with interstate commerce and a strangle hold to force a highly mobile society to be tied to the policies of local advertising to limit our rights to listen to what we choose, when we choose, not when some local radio station chooses to dictate that you get local traffic on the twos or the eights or something else that limits your ability to stay ahead of traffic jams or to miss critical alerts. In more than one case listening to traffic on XM has helped me to avoid traffic jams that would waste fuel, increase pollution and increase road rage. I want to be able to choose what I listen to and when I listen to it not be held hostage to some local station whose schedule of broadcasting leaves a lot to be desired and gets their maximum ad dollars for commercials right before the traffic. Do not pander to lobbyists support the will and freedom of choice of the American Public. Otherwise, let's go back to rotary dial phones and vinyl records!